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In it to win it

The Haliburton County Huskies celebrate winning the series against the Toronto Patriots in Minden on March 16 with a 4-2 win, clinching their spot in the next round. For more photos, see inside this issue. /TIM YANO special to the Times

Mill Pond wins restaurant makeover

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Carnarvon's well-known Mill Pond has officially won the ACM Design's Restaurant

Makeover Contest, concluding the month-long voting craze. In total, there were just shy of 9000 votes cast during the online contest. "We were expecting less than half of that," said Greg Luck, construction manager for ACM. The other nominees were Truss

Foodworks Smokehouse and Maple Avenue Tap and Grill.

"It was a surprise," Brad Archer, owner of the Mill Pond, laughed. "We were just shopping in Minden and I got a text from my friend congratulating me." Archer's partner,

Kim Switzer, echoed the owner's sudden shock at the win. "We had been watching all morning, waiting, and then suddenly it happened!" she said.

ACM Designs went live on Facebook on see **MILL** page 2

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Mill Pond looking for ‘new, not different’

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March 20 to share the news. “We went around to the finalists the last couple weeks,” shared Luck during the online announcement, “and we got a real sense of the community surrounding each restaurant.”

“Part of our culture here at ACM designs is understanding where we live, and who we live with,” said Andria Cowan Molyneaux, the founder and principal of ACM, “with our partners and with these shared understandings, we have chosen to reinvest in our community and care for and support the other companies.”

Throughout the voting, the concept of community was at the core of the contest. “We can’t do any of these ideas on our own, and of course, being alone doesn’t really support our idea of community,” said Cowan Molyneaux, referencing the many partners who contributed to the final prize, and the follow-through with the renovations.

ACM invested in the Big Lobby Makeover a few years ago, which was won by Bonnie View Inn. Fuelled by the passion of giving back to the community, ACM once again approached Haliburton County Development Organization to pinpoint where they could dedicate their efforts this time around.

After a rocky few years, it was decided that the restaurant industry was a sector needing a little boost in the region. With that in mind, Archer was grateful that the support is coming at this specific time. “There’s definitely been some big ups and downs over the past few years,” he said.

The winner of the contest receives \$25,000 for their dining area to put towards a full “makeover”. The renovations will be implemented and facilitated by ACM Design, but the owners of Mill Pond will have plenty of input. “There’s always room for improvement,” Archer said, “but we also want to make sure we don’t lose what the Mill Pond is.”

Archer has been at the head of the family restaurant for just over 30 years. He says that he is immensely grateful for the opportunity, and is looking forward to seeing how the designers can maintain the feel of the classic establishment while making the space more user-friendly and accessible for patrons and staff. “It would be great to do something new, but not different. We need to freshen some things up a bit, but we always want to make sure we don’t forget our original style.”

Sophie Creelman, the marketing coordinator for ACM



The Mill Pond has been voted as the winner of the 2023 Restaurant Makeover, spearheaded by ACM Designs. The contest received nearly 9000 votes across their online platforms, significantly more than what the organizers were expecting. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

shared that the next steps will be dictated by the Mill Pond. “Our design team has already been brainstorming, but the scope and timeline will be determined after we chat,” she said. Archer hopes the project will be completed by the

summer, so the facility will be ready to go for the busy tourism months. Updates on the renovation project at the Mill Pond will be documented on the ACM social media pages.

Algonquin Highlands takes a look at shoreline bylaw setup

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A wait and see approach has been taken regarding a possible fee structure for Haliburton County’s Shoreline Preservation Bylaw.

Steve Stone, the county’s director of planning, has been introducing each of the three participating municipalities to the revised legislation. Dysart et al is the lone hold-out from the bylaw program.

Stone appeared before Algonquin Highlands council when he met Mar. 16.

The entire program will be managed by the county.

Through the rest of this year, the program will be funded from the county’s purse. Starting in 2024, the program will be funded by the participating townships, the amount determined by how many shoreline lots each municipality has.

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Dailloux said it was suggested during the last county council meeting that a fee system could be adopted in subsequent years, after the bylaw system is up and running.

Stone said county staff has been encouraged to monitor the success of the system.

“We’re going to use the balance of this year to see how active we are in terms of issuing permits and also doing enforcement activities,” Stone said. “That will lead us to reassess whether or not our fee structure needs to be enhanced to cover those activities.”

He said that, by this time next year, there will be a report completed to forward to the upper tier council. Any adjustment and tweaks that are felt to be necessary will be carried out then.

Shoreline permits have a life of three years. The bylaw will be complaint driven and officers will be designated to help

with compliance monitoring.

“One of the things that county council wants to stress with this is that the approach is for compliance monitoring rather than enforcement,” Stone said.

The shoreline bylaw replaces a former set of rules designed to protect waterfront trees. Through the jigs and the reels of fine-tuning the new bylaw to garner the favour of the four townships, certain aspects of the old legislation were stitched into the shoreline bylaw.

“Now, with this new amended bylaw, we have the benefits of preserving the shoreline trees as well as the topography of the shorelines,” Stone said.

A shoreline’s first 20 metres are protected through the bylaw, and prohibited areas such as wetlands are included in the new rewritten legislation. Wetlands weren’t included under the umbrella of the tree preservation bylaw.

No site alteration by blasting, filling, or grading is allowed without a permit. As well, removal of natural vegetation is disallowed without a permit, and the removal of a stump from a steep slope is nixed, too.

“They (stumps) serve a purpose to control soil erosion,” Stone said.

He said county council was keen on ensuring flexibility to the new bylaw that would allow routine activities that property owners do with their shorelines.

Minor landscaping and work on existing features like retaining walls is allowed.

Stone said a great concern among cottage owners is activities associated with a building permit.

“If you can obtain a building permit for, say, an addition to your cottage or a deck expansion and you can get a permit for that, then you’re exempt from the shoreline permit system,” said Stone.

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Stay vigilant, says top doc

Outbreak in in-patient unit of Haliburton hospital

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The region's top doctor believes health boards need to remain vigilant, even as the coronavirus pandemic seems to be winding down.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health and CEO of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, delivered a message from her provincial counterpart Mar. 16 during the board's public meeting.

Bocking distilled the province's chief medical officer of health's 2022 annual report.

The report, entitled "Bring Ready," is focused on the role of local public health boards in infectious diseases and pandemic preparedness. It's a very simple title, she said, and she hopes it serves to convey an important message.

"Really highlighting the need for continued and sustainable investments in public health," she said. "Being prepared."

COVID-19 thrust the concept of pandemics and outbreaks into the spotlight. Responding to infectious diseases, preventing their spread, is at the heart of public health boards' role.

"They are with us, really, indefinitely," Bocking said. "Viruses and other pathogens have a unique ability to continue to evade kind of the best scientists and continue to evolve."

"Not only do we see new pathogens arising, things such as climate change will actually potentially accelerate some new pathogens arising or being able to spread in ways we weren't previously able to spread."

Public health bodies have been seeing

the re-emergence of pathogens that had previously been well controlled. Measles and polio have re-emerged since the pandemic's start, she said. They've returned in areas where those ailments were previously eliminated.

There's been a national and a provincial increase in syphilis.

There are some ongoing cases of mpox, which was previously dubbed monkey pox.

"As I mentioned with measles, we are certainly aware of the potential for certain vaccine preventable diseases to re-emerge as we know that routine childhood immunizations were impacted throughout the pandemic," Bocking said.

There's a boom-and-bust cycle regarding public health funding. There'll be a public health crisis such as COVID-19 that garners much attention. As the threat fades, governments reprioritize health care funding.

"Typically what we see is funding cuts to public health," Bocking said. "Then, without fail, we'll have another large outbreak or another public health crisis."

"And local public health agencies, provincial public health agencies are not as prepared as they should be."

Local agencies have a role in maintaining preparedness and to build on partnerships that were built during the pandemic, she said.

"There's a number of pieces of infrastructure that we are continuing with, that were established during the pandemic such as monthly meetings with family health teams and primary care providers," she said.



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On March 20, the Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) department of HHHS declared a COVID-19 outbreak in the In-Patient Department of the Haliburton Hospital. There are currently five confirmed patient cases and two staff cases associated with the outbreak. The IPAC Department has informed the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit about this outbreak. As a result of the outbreak, all COVID-positive patients and those who may have been exposed to COVID have been isolated. The Department is now closed to any further admissions, and visitors are restricted to those receiving end-of-life care. Volunteers continue to be restricted from entering the In-patient Department.

HHHS will continue to maintain important IPAC measures that have been in place, including full Personal Protective Equipment and mandatory masking in all patient care areas, mandatory vaccination, and active screening for symptoms of COVID-19. Enhanced cleaning will now also be conducted in the In-patient Department and staff will continue to monitor themselves for symptoms. Services in the Haliburton Emergency Department remain unaffected by this outbreak and community members in need of emergency care should not hesitate to seek assistance.

Submitted by Carolyn Plummer, President and CEO, HHHS



Sliding into spring

Car #80 bumps into #188 during a race hosted by the Minden Kin Club at the Minden Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 12. /TIM YANO Special to the Times

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Clean up and properly store paints, pool, and yard chemicals.

Check fuels containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.

Let power equipment sit for approximately 30 minutes before placing it inside to be sure there is no possibility of fire.

Burn Permits can be picked up at the firehall, filled out and submitted but won't be approved until April 1, 2023.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held Friday, March 31, 2023, at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to continue the 2023 Budget Deliberations.

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

March 30 – Regular Council Meeting

March 31 – Special Council Meeting – 2023 Budget Deliberations

April 13 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting, public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2023, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding Proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

Three years in: COVID's impact on health care

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Almost exactly three years ago, Ontario declared a state of emergency, closing schools, businesses, and advising against non-essential travel; even to the grocery store.

Ontarians were limited to only having close interaction with those in their household.

Case counts climbed, increasing death tolls were displayed across the screens of televisions, and we feared the word "outbreak".

Although the initial quake may be over, the COVID-19 pandemic has left remaining aftershocks that will be felt for years, even decades, to come.

Our health care system was one of the hardest-hit sectors.

At our hospitals, emergency departments flooded with COVID cases, health care workers became overloaded and burnt out, and beds and other essentials were in short supply.

In our long term care homes, residents were isolated, and outbreaks were rampant.

Seventy-four per cent of Ontarians experienced increased mental health challenges. There was a 70 per cent increase in opioid-related deaths. Sixty per cent of cancer-related surgeries were cancelled following the huge influx of COVID cases.

Health care facilities and workers were pushed in the middle of the battle zone.

Haliburton County was not immune. Carolyn Plummer, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), said every service they provide was impacted from the very start in March of 2020.

"From our emergency departments to our long-term care homes, as well as our community programs and services, everyone had to adapt very quickly to not only new circumstances, but also to public health and government guidance that changed rapidly - sometimes on a daily and even hourly basis," Plummer told the Echo.

She said all facilities were locked down almost immediately, and those hit especially hard were residents living in long-term care homes and their families who weren't able to visit them.

Despite the grim situation, HHHS was able to overcome many hurdles. They worked hard to provide the best health care under unprecedented circumstances.

"As the virus and our understanding of it progressed and evolved, our teams kept adapting. Different precautions were put in place, such as active screening at our facilities, the physical separation of our facilities to protect our most vulnerable, and the use of personal protective equipment in all settings," Plummer said.

She said the introduction of vaccines to protect against the virus changed the battle. They meant that more interaction could happen within HHHS facilities; connections that softened the increase of mental health challenges due to isolation.

"The ability of the vaccines to provide strong protection from the most devastating consequences meant that we could look for ways to re-instate important connections between our staff teams, patients, residents and their families, clients, and our volunteers," Plummer said.



It's been three years since the Ontario government declared a state of emergency in an attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. While many precautions have since been lifted, the health care sector continues to be impacted./ File photo

Like most health services in the province, HHHS continues to be challenged by staff and funding shortages.

"The challenge of recruiting and retaining staff, as the country experiences significant health human resource shortages, continues to be the most lasting impact of the pandemic on our team and our operations," Plummer said. "I hope that we will be able to encourage decision-makers to find long-term, sustainable solutions to the staffing and funding challenges we face, so these services can grow and be strengthened in years to come."

Lessened restrictions mean that even more face-to-face interactions with patients can happen. Separation from loved ones was one of the hardest things to endure over the past three years, and Plummer is thankful for restored connections.

Our health care workers were dealt one of the hardest hands during the pandemic, and HHHS' CEO is proud of all health care teams in Haliburton County.

"While these were extremely challenging times, I continue to be incredibly proud and grateful for how our teams responded. No matter what, they put the health and safety of our patients, residents, and clients first, while protecting their colleagues, their families, and themselves. I will never forget their efforts and I hope I am not alone," she said.

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Haliburton Forest takes steps towards Aboriginal Relations

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

The best place to start is the beginning.

And that's what Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is doing by committing to the Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program in mid-January of 2023. "We recognize that there is a big need for us to do better," Malcolm Cockwell, the managing director of Haliburton Forest told the *Times*.

The three-year program is split into equal parts, starting with internal planning, then moving on to setting specific and measurable goals, and finally concluding with outreach. "That's our time to be actively reaching out and establishing relationships," said Cockwell.

This initiative is spearheaded by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB), and is designed as a program that any organization can jump into without any prior knowledge. This concept was what appealed to management of the Forest. "You can have all these intentions, but this particular

topic is extremely complicated," shared Cockwell. "It's awkward if you don't know where to start."

Haliburton Forest is currently managing 250,000 acres in Ontario, and was the first company in Canada to be recognized as "sustainable" by the Forest Stewardship; a title it carries to present day.

The Forest is continuing to grow, which Cockwell shared was the primary incentive to kick Aboriginal relationships into high gear. "As we grow year over year, our mandate to do things right needs to get higher and higher," he said.

While the commitment to the PAR program is relatively fresh, Cockwell said that he is already learning new things which he can incorporate into their everyday practices, such as land acknowledgments, qualifications, and ensuring that all internal policies are equitable and respectful.

He shared that a major learning curve is applying the right type of education for the staff at Haliburton Forest. "We need to figure out the various options for what works best for our staff," he said, "and we need to take a close look at our internal policies to revise them, and make sure we are practicing

them effectively."

Cockwell and the Forest released a formal press release that announced when they had opted into the PAR program in early March. "It may have seemed silly to announce that we are doing this before anything is really done," he chuckled, "but we did that in an attempt to hold ourselves accountable. If you don't communicate a commitment, then where is the accountability?"

And it is not just an internally-managed initiative. By formally joining the PAR program, the Forest will be audited and verified at each milestone by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. Cockwell claimed that the organization is designed for individuals and businesses who do not know where to start with their reconciliation efforts, and the CCAB have offered support and insight into the next steps for the Forest.

"Right now, our first step is to just share that we have made the commitment to see through this program," said Cockwell.

According to www.native-land.ca, the Forest sits on the traditional territory of the Anishinabaweki.

Housing in the Highlands - unpacking the 'elephant in the room'

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Without a doubt, housing has been one of the hottest topics for discussion in recent political navigation. Affordable housing, supportive housing, housing for seniors, housing for staff. It's a never-ending cycle of questions met with limited answers.

The 2023 Haliburton County Housing Summit hopes to answer some of those questions.

The full-day session on April 5 will be held at the Minden Hills Community Centre, and aims to address some of the "elephants in the room" when it comes to housing needs in the area.

One of the keynote speakers of the day is Lori-Anne Gagne, the CEO of Victoria Park Community Homes (VPCH) based out of Hamilton.

VPCH is one of largest non-profit housing corporations in Ontario, and manages a portfolio of over 3000 accommodations across southern Ontario.

Gagne will be presenting on the success and mission statement of VPCH, but the unique component of her presentation will be her involvement in the Hamilton is Home coalition for the past four years, which is an organized group of interested parties who advocate for and establish housing for everyone in need.

"We are flipping the narrative," Gagne told the *Times*, "and we are showing the possibilities that can come as a collective."

Gagne shared that there were many organizations and concerned citizens in the Hamilton area who were focused on making housing a priority. There were also decades

of miscommunications between city councillors and staff, and non-profits in the housing sector.

Hamilton is Home was designed to be accessible and available to anyone interested in making a difference. "Everyone is welcome as an associate member," said Gagne, "it's all about sharing information." Consisting of community housing providers, the group remains non-partisan, with a mission of working with elected officials to streamline tangible change. "We meet every two weeks, even all through the pandemic," said Gagne, "and now we have MP's and MPP's joining us, people are interested in seeing how we can work together."

Gagne admitted that to get the idea off the ground, they had to be "a little bit relentless" when making presentations. They were dedicated to standing in front of city councils and members of parliament to get their non-siloed approach to community housing off the ground. The organization has a goal of completing 3000 units in three years, which according to their website, is a feasible goal, not a fantasy.

While Gagne noted that the needs for housing in Hamilton are varied from the needs in Haliburton County, she shared that she believes many of the practices can be applied in a similar format. "More rural areas have different challenges," she said, "it's a different snapshot of people, but I think we can look at the big picture together, and we can work at involving the right folks to do that."

Gagne said that a key to the Hamilton is Home success was the fact that they were able to attain a city planner in their coalition. This gave the group the opportunity to navigate around the red-tape before making pre-

sentations to city councils. "We were able to streamline many of the processes by having those things in order," she said.

Gagne is amongst a series of speakers who will be presenting at the Housing Summit on April 5. Others include Jennifer van Gennip, director of communications and advocacy for Redwood Park Communities, and Graham Cubitt, director of projects and development for Indwell and Flourish Community

Development Cooperative Ltd.

Facilitated topics of discussion will include but not be limited to; worker housing, private market housing that accommodates seniors, alternative housing options, the hybrid mortgage model, and more.

All are welcome to attend the summit on April 5 at the Minden Community Centre. No registration is required, and lunch will be provided.



U-Links to host annual Celebration of Research

U-Links will be hosting their annual Celebration of Research at Haliburton School of Art and Design on March 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. This will be the first in-person U-Links presentation in three years. "Each spring a Celebration of Research is held by U-Links, the students prepare posters of their work and the community is invited to hear about some of the highlights and to talk to the students about their research," said U-Links administrative and logistics coordinator, Daniela Pagliaro. The day also includes keynote speakers and presentations that are specific to the region. Those interested can register for the event at www.ulinks.ca /File photo



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Below the surface

ISAT DOWN this week to interview Malcolm Cockwell, the managing director of Haliburton Forest. Cockwell and his team recently announced that they had opted into a Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program, run through the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business.

The program strives to implement respectful and inclusive practices that would facilitate a conscientious reconciliation effort in the workplace.

The Forest released a press release earlier in the month to announce the initiative.

But I didn't contact Cockwell because I was interested in praising their involvement with the program.

I reached out because I thought the press release was overwhelmingly vague. So often, we see displays of "action". Surface-level behaviour that keeps businesses trendy.

Yes, trendy. In a unique turn of events, it's now trendy to be inclusive. Again, on the surface, this seems great. And yes, it is a step in the right direction I suppose, but where is the action?

We see businesses fly rainbow flags for a month before they're tucked away in a closet. I only hope those people voiced their Pride when it came time to discuss blood bans and conversion therapy - topics that are still somehow being bounced around in our modern political arenas.

We see the posts on International Women's Day about the bravery and strength of women. I only hope those people are also fighting for equal pay and wearing the badge of feminist proudly, day in and day out.

We see bumper stickers that say "Every Child Matters" on the back of minivans. I only hope those people are dedicating themselves to actively learning about the past, educating in

the present, and changing the future, so that the thousands of children's bodies found at the sites of residential schools isn't just a statistic shared on Facebook with a sad-faced emoji.

It's not a bad thing to try. To start at the beginning. But if you are dedicating yourself to doing better; to digging below the surface of change, then that's not just a press release - that's a fundamental shift in every part of your day-to-day life, vision, and mandate. It's easy to see things. It's harder to do things.

Haliburton Forest manages 250,000 acres of sustainable forest. They're one of the largest employers in the region, and are growing every day.

With that in mind, it was refreshing

to hear Cockwell say that he was dedicated to doing better. Dedicated to following through. Dedicated to change. Dedicated to being held accountable throughout the entirety of the process. He even used the word "awkward" a few times when referring to their first steps in initiating this cultural

shift; a vulnerable term that doesn't often roll off the tongues of confident and successful businesses. In this case, it doesn't make them weaker, it makes them human; an awareness of their shortcomings and their dedication to start trying harder. Start digging deeper.

It's awkward to start. And starting somewhere can be small, but it has to be true. Not just a flag for a few weeks, not just a social media post, not just a press release.

To instill a cultural shift, it needs to be bold, continuous, dedicated, awkward, uncomfortable, ongoing, enlightening, inclusive, and carry the spark that's rooted in the "why."

Because that spark will provide the energy to dig down deeper, and finally dive below the surface of change.



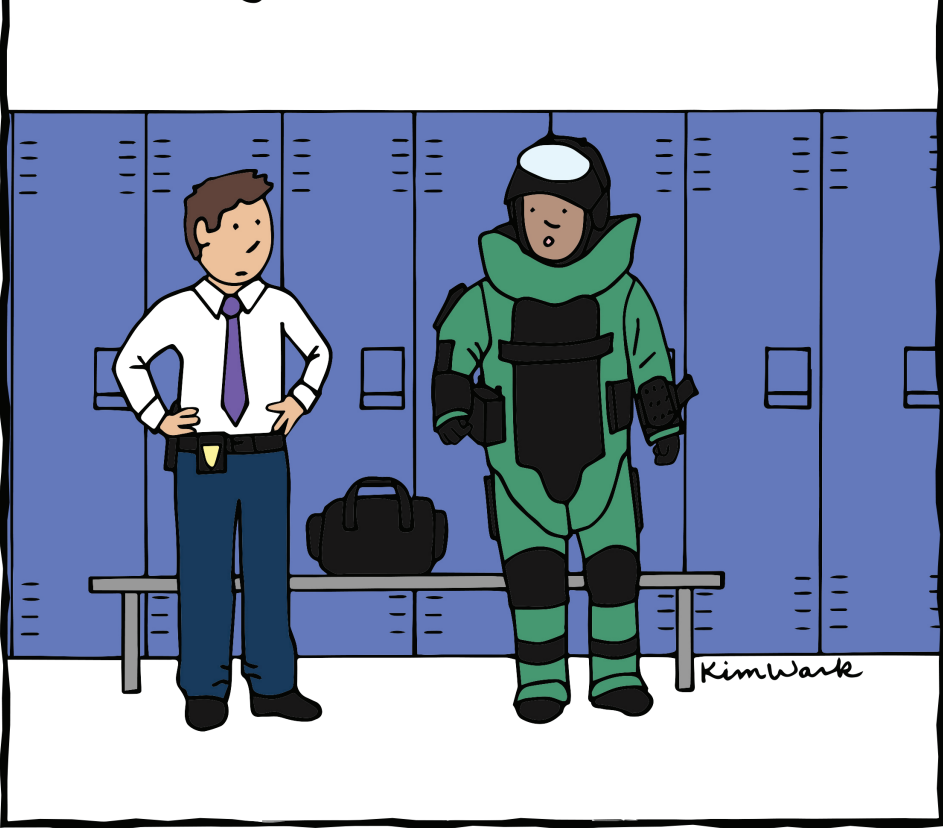
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"I'm on parking enforcement today."

Great expectations

CHARLES DICKENS famously wrote, "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times."

I guess those sentences can be used to describe many situations.

For instance, right now, an open water angler might feel those words describe this time of year.

They're really just another way of saying, "It is spring. But our lakes are still frozen."

That's why, right now, in countless basements and garages across Ontario, anglers are organizing their tackle and daydreaming about the open water fishing season to come.

New anglers, of course, tend to be optimists. They dream about perfect casts, excellent lure selections, precise boat control, great hooksets, flawless drag settings, big fish that are only too willing to bite, heroic battles, and perfect trophy photos for social media.

They also dream of those sunny days with little wind and no one else on the water. And days when fish never spit the hook.

Trust me, this is a mistake.

Looking at fishing through those rose-coloured glasses can only lead to great expectations. And great expectations often result in frustration and disappointment.

If I learned anything at all from my teachers, it was that.

No, as far as I'm concerned, it is far better to face up to last year's nightmares.

That's why, this time of year, I will call my fishing buddies and we will spend time talking about the tangled lines and the bird's nests that occupied our reels when we needed them most. We will laugh about the nets that suddenly had fish-sized

holes in them. We will fondly remember the snags on inanimate and animated objects and the lures - God Bless them - that were lost. We will wince when we discuss the people on docks 100 yards away who yelled at us because we were "fishing too close". Oh, and the ice-cold water and the leaky waders that let it all in.

And because we are friends, we will tease each other about the big fish lost at the boat, the launch when we realized the boat plug was still in the vehicle, and that time the angler "who had no idea what he is doing" got a limit of nice fish while

we, the experienced pros, got skunked. We will also recognize the many times when, even though we were doing everything right, the fish ignored us. Or that time one of us posed with the biggest fish of the year, and watched helplessly as it wriggled out of our hands and back into the water, making a huge splash, before a single photo was ever taken.

Trust me. We have learned

it is far healthier to get all this out of our systems now. You don't want to enter a fishing season with great expectations.

It's far better to remember the reality and so you approach the season with lower but more achievable expectations. That way, you won't be frustrated when some of these things happen again - as each of them has for me, for the last 45 years running.

If anything, you want your expectations to have no where to go but up.

You see, we old hands recognize that fishing could simultaneously be the best of times or the worst of times. It really just depends on whether you are the one holding or taking the photo of the trophy fish that just made that big splash.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Fears for the future

It's been a while since I've gone shopping at a gun store, but I found myself in one last week.

A target shooter was having trouble finding ammunition and asked me to check a gun store near my place. A clerk at that store said he had some of the shells I was looking for, but not all.

"How about some .410 shotgun shells?" I inquired.

He looked at me and laughed. Then he said the store had got in 380 boxes of those shells and sold them out in 48 hours.

Four-ten-gauge shotgun shells are commonly used for small game hunting – like rabbits and partridge. But the small game season is long past in most places so why the run on the ammunition?

"Hoarding." The clerk answered. "People are buying ammunition by the case."

A bit of research confirms the clerk's statement. Canadian and American gun enthusiasts say they are experiencing "the great ammo" shortage that worsened with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The shortages had been developing for several reasons, including more ammo production directed to the war in Ukraine and fear of even more firearms restrictions in Canada and the U.S.

The pandemic disrupted production and delivery of materials used in making ammunition. Ammunition imports to the U.S. fell 34 per cent

during the pandemic.

But a key factor in ammunition shortages is fear. People are worried about what's happening in their world. Will growing tensions between superpowers lead to world war? Will Covid worsen or be followed by a more severe virus? Will increasing violence cause governments to impose even more firearms restrictions? What's happening with the world economy?

These fears have been driving up U.S. gun production and sales, which have doubled in the last two decades.

Panic buying is not limited to toilet paper and cough and cold meds during a pandemic. Runs on other items are common in times of uncertainty.

Hoarding ammo makes sense to a lot of people. It is relatively easy. As easy as stockpiling canned goods. Ammo doesn't go bad and eases the mind of anyone worried about some catastrophic event.

Yes, stockpiled ammo might help save your life during a catastrophe. It also could save avid shooters a lot of money during shortages when prices go through the roof.

There is good reason for concern – outright fear for some - of government seriously restricting the ownership and use of firearms. Politicians in Canada and the U.S. are being screamed at to do something to stop rising gun violence.

Gun-related crime in Canada has increased by 42 per cent in the last 10 years, mainly because of gang crime in Toronto. Already this year there have been 9,000 gun deaths in the U.S., including about 120 mass murders.

Some Canadians say more firearms restrictions, or even bans, are needed to stop the violence. Canadians seem to prefer tackling tough problems with restrictions, bans and punishments. That's not the approach needed to solve problems related to guns.

Violence is a manifestation of social unrest, which is being seen increasingly in mass demonstrations, attacks on police and other nasty civil disorders. We won't stop violence of any kind until we clearly identify all the reasons behind social unrest and begin to fix them.

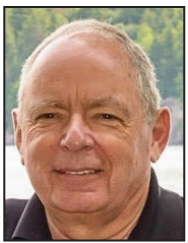
And, we'll never see effective fixing until we begin to produce effective leadership. We just do not have that at the federal or provincial levels.

We have a lot of nice people in politics. People tied to their own brands of politics, parties and interests. We don't have the dynamic, independent leaders we desperately need today.

We need new leaders willing to listen to many voices. Willing to shape their leadership from what they hear and see, and have the ability to pull people together into collective leadership.

That type of leadership once existed here – long before Europeans arrived. Most Indigenous groups had collective leadership systems that focused on community and common good rather than individual desires and needs.

This is the type of leadership we need today. If we can find it, perhaps we will stop hoarding out of fear for our futures. And my target shooting friends will be able to find the ammunition they need.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock



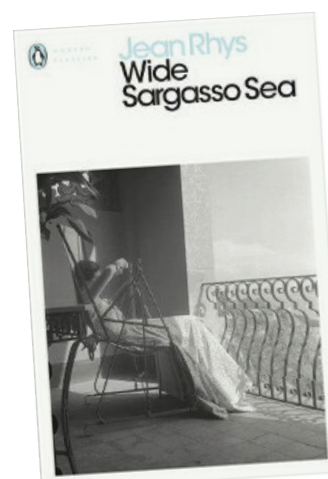
High on ice

Rachel Tam smiles during a pre-climb instruction. Instructor and guide Lorne Foisy took a group of brave souls out into the Highlands to get their feet wet in all things ice climbing over the weekend. The group were schooled on the basics of climbing before getting their picks into the ice and climbed the face of the frozen rugged landscape the area is known for. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Times



Lorne Foisy demonstrates for the group.

HCPL's Book of the Week



We've all heard of the "madwoman in the attic." This novel gives her a voice. For lovers of historical fiction and classic literature, Jean Rhys's *Wide Sargasso Sea* is a prequel and companion to Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, and tells the story of Mr. Rochester's first wife, Bertha Mason. Set in the gorgeously depicted Caribbean island of Dominica (where author Jean Rhys herself grew up), the novel tells a compelling story that explores colonialism and oppression, mental health, love, and betrayal. Written 119 years after Brontë published the iconic *Jane Eyre*, *Wide Sargasso Sea* maps against that classic and lights up its shadowy corners.

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Onward and upward

Huskies celebrate winning the series against the Toronto Patriots by pushing the net and everyone to the glass. The next home game is March 25 in Minden against the Wellington Dukes. /TIM YANO special to the *Times*



Huskies first goal of the game against the Toronto Patriots on March 16, scored by #42 Boyd Stahlbaum.



The Huskies #75 Patrick Saini attempts a goal against the Toronto Patriots on March 16.



Patrick Saini #75 celebrates a power play goal, making the game 3-1 while the crowd cheers. #91 Alex Cunningham and #77 Ty Collins came in with the assist.

A strike for Rotary
Deb Landry sends a ball down Lane 1 at the Rotary Club of Haliburton, Minden Rotary, and Rotaract Haliburton Highlands get together at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden on Thursday, March 9. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Dave Woodcroft, Minden Rotary president, sends a bowling ball down the lane.

Aging Together as Community receives funding

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

It's no secret that Haliburton County has a rapidly growing demographic of seniors. Jack Brezina wrote in his column *Jack's POV* two weeks ago that it has the highest percentage of those over 60 in all of Ontario. It currently stands at 32 per cent while the provincial average according to recent Stats Canada numbers is 19 per cent, and it's predicted that by 2046, the number will rise to 40 per cent.

It's a growing issue, and one that needs to be addressed. That's why Aging Together as Community (ATC) was formed in the area. The group aims to provide networking and brainstorming opportunities to everyone interested in learning more. There is a particular interest in aging in the home, and the overall status of housing in the area as the population continues to age.

So far, the group has met twice to discuss. The first meeting on Jan. 28 was a preliminary session to brainstorm visions for how the organization works within the community. The session was well-attended - both virtually and in-person - and garnered the need for a follow-up, which was held March 4 at the West Guilford Community Centre.

The meeting started with the exciting announcement that ATC had received a grant of \$22,500 from the New Horizons Seniors Grant. "This money will enable us to turn a new page, and start a new chapter," shared Bonnie Roe, an organizer with ATC.

The primary focus of the grant is for advertising and marketing the ATC cause in an overarching way. "It's really about broadening our audience and coming up with a web-

site platform," said David Buwalda, another ATC organizer. "Every part of marketing we do will have a community based approach, and this grant is setting a foundation of what can be done." The grant will be eligible for a full year, running March 2023 to March 2024.

On top of receiving the grant from New Horizons, the March 4 ATC meeting also formalized some tangible next steps for the

working group, including the creation of a formalized lobby group, partnering with local media organizations, exploring alternative housing options and opportunities, and developing clear messaging for what the ATC group is all about.

Roe also noted that a major goal is to partner with other organizations who put seniors on the forefront of their priorities. "There's nothing worse than people operating in si-

los," she said. She believes that there are plenty of opportunities for collaboration and community development through these initiatives.

The next ATC will be April 15, 1:30 to 4 p.m.. Organizers are confirming the location, and all details will be on the Aging Together as Community Facebook page.

Pandemic lockdown quelled greenhouse gas emissions in AH

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Algonquin Highlands has made headway toward addressing its greenhouse gas emissions.

Korey McKay, Haliburton County's climate change coordinator, updated the township's council March 16 on countywide efforts to address climate change.

Greenhouse gas emissions for the town's buildings and vehicle fleet were down in 2021. But emissions were up slightly in Algonquin Highlands' landfills.

"However, 2021 data doesn't necessarily represent long-term trends since it was a year that was significantly impacted by the pandemic and lockdowns," she said.

The county and its lower tier municipali-

ties are working on the three-phase climate planning process.

The first phase is corporate climate change mitigation. Each council approved plans in the fall of 2020 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from their respective municipal equipment.

Electric vehicle charging stations were installed. Food cycler programs kicked off in the townships. A Green Fleet policies and initiatives were adopted.

The second phase is corporate climate change adaptation. Plans were approved in 2022 to deal with more extreme and variable weather. A big step in that regard is ongoing flood plain mapping, being cognizant of water levels and their changes, and the monitoring of invasive species.

The final phase deals with the development of a community-wide plan.

McKay said the plan will be presented to each municipal council this spring. Much community engagement went into the plan, she said.

She said the same group that was put together to facilitate engagement with the municipalities may be reformed to help with the plan's implementation.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said there may be a need for the group in the future, even after the plan is rolled out.

"I can see how there could be maybe ongoing ideas and suggestions about things that can be done and updates that can be given," Danielsen said.

The mayor said the township has its energy management plans in place. Changes are being made as time goes by, she said.

"I believe that we're making some good progress in that regard," Danielsen said.

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The knuckle crack

“DON’T CRACK your knuckles, it will give you arthritis!”

Many of us have heard this warning at one point or another in our lifetime. Some people are addicted to the sound while others find it cringeworthy. Is the old wives tale true? What is causing the sound? Is it hurting me? Dr. Google can send you down a never-ending rabbit hole of questions with no definitive answer. Let’s stay out of the turmoil and look at the facts.



KASSIE BRADLEY
Wellness Corner with Kassie

A cracking sound can occur at various joints in the body which are designed to allow us to move. A joint is a meeting point; a connection of two or more bones coming together. The main components of a joint are cartilage to reduce friction, synovial fluid for lubrication, ligaments to connect the bones together and tendons to connect the muscles to the bones. They can be various shapes and sizes. A ball and socket, hinge, pivot, and ellipsoi-dal, all which give the body its ability to explore the world around us.

Why do our joints crack? I answer this question many times a day at my clinic. New patients are often afraid that the “cracking” is somehow causing damage to the bones, even breaking them! I can assure you this is not the case. Not only can our knuckles make

this sound, but so can multiple other joints in the body such as the neck, back, wrists, knees and many more.

There is a capsule of connective tissue surrounding the joint, which holds synovial fluid inside to help lubricate it. The “cracking noise” is nothing more than a change in pressure and volume within this synovial capsule. The pressure change forms gas bubbles which results in the noise! That’s it folks. Nothing scary or damaging about it.

The answer is no. Cracking your knuckles does not contribute to the risk of getting ar-

thritis. One of the most famous studies, and most unusual regarding this topic was performed by Dr. David Unger, using himself as the test subject. Dr. Unger cracked his own knuckles on his left hand for over 60 years, and left his right hand “uncracked.” He then analyzed the progression of arthritis in both hands, finding no change at the end of the study. He expressed that his goal was to prove his mother wrong. Further studies have been performed with MRI technology with the conclusion unanimously backing up Dr. Unger.

Are there any downfalls to this habit? What it could potentially do is cause issues with the ligaments and tendons in your fingers. If these small structures are constantly getting pushed and pulled on, they may not be able to perform the job of stabilizing the joints as well over time and lead to issues such as weak grip strength.

I hope this article was a helpful myth buster. Some of you may be wondering about similar questions in regards to arthritis itself. Stay tuned in two weeks to dive into the facts about arthritis.



Driving in funds for the Foundation

Members of the Ontario Federation of 4WD Recreationists donated \$97,430 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation in Haliburton as part of its annual fundraising campaign on Sunday, March 19 at the Haliburton Hospital. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Times

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- 1. File No. PLSRA2022084:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of East Moore Lake, lying in front 1041 Acadia Lane located within Part Lot 22, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.
- 2. File No. PLSRA2022091:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of 1118 Golden Rod Lane located within Part Lot 14, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.

You can provide input by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than **April 14, 2023**.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels listed above will be scheduled for a later date. Should you wish to be notified when a Council meeting has been scheduled, please contact the undersigned or email adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than **April 14, 2023**.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

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THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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Minden Hills Advisory Committees Call for Committee Members

Submission deadline for applications has been extended to March 31, 2023

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the following Advisory Committees for the 2023-2026 term of Council:

- Community Services Advisory Committee
- Cultural Centre Advisory Committee
- Events Advisory Committee
- Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee
- Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee
- Planning and Development Advisory Committee

If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating in any of the above committees, please submit a completed application form in person, by mail or email to:

Advisory Committee Applications
Clerk's Department,
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7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
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sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Application deadline is Friday, March 31, 2023, by 12:00 noon.

For an Application Form or for more information, please visit our website www.mindenhills.ca/LocalGovernment/CommitteesandBoards, or contact admin@mindenhills.ca or call the Clerk's Department at 705-286-1260 ext. 512

A clean slate for a new adventure

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Sometimes in life, you know you need a change. That's what Chris Weber felt when he started Greenscapes landscaping in late 2022.

The owner and operator of the landscaping business was working as an underground miner up north. For a decade, he would be gone for two weeks at a time, every two weeks. "It was two weeks on and two weeks off," he told the *Times*, "and I really started to feel like I was missing out on the big ticket items in life."

Those "big ticket items" were his wife and four kids, who were entering times of different interests and hobbies, and Weber wanted to be there for each of them.

As his mining contract neared completion, he started to think about the next chapter. "We have a lot of family and friends who run their own businesses, who are entrepreneurs, and I thought about the pace of life we were looking for, and thought that running our own business would be something that would work for us."

Weber observed that oftentimes, landscape companies are something that are done as a project on the side of a main career. With an aging population in a cottage-based community, he saw a gap he believed he could fill. "We thought the community needed people who would exclusively manage their properties for them, not just as a side gig," he said. "We branded ourselves; got postcards and uniforms. We are very official."

For Weber, starting a business in the Haliburton Highlands is a dream come true. He recalled that his favourite part of every summer was coming up to the area for a cottage week with his family. "It was the highlight of my year, every year," he said. "When I was about 16, I told my mom I am going to retire up here one day. She laughed of course, but now I'm here."

Greenscapes specializes in lawn cutting, debris removal, property management, fertilizing, and spring/fall cleanups, to name a few services. Weber initially launched the company in the fall of 2022 as a "soft launch" in an attempt to test the waters and see what the need was like in the community. "We were really well received by locals, cottagers, and short term rental agencies," he said. The success of the soft launch equipped Weber with the confidence for a busy spring season ahead.

He said he is particularly focused on helping elderly folks and individuals with mobility issues with their annual spring cleanup.

While he welcomes new business and is eager for a full season, he is currently a one-man-show. Weber shared that he has full intentions of growing his team, but is a big believer that a good business should "walk before it runs."

He is invested in getting this business off the ground, as he would like to offer positions to people that pay a living-wage, and offer support to those working with Greenscapes. He shared that he does not want to rush the hiring process, as he has seen that mistake made many times in his own professional endeavors, and he would like to build his team around individuals who share his vision for success, professionalism, and perseverance.

While Weber works on his own at the business, he told the *Times* that he has received an immense amount of support and encouragement from local businesses and organizations. He noted that the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has been one of the best. "HCDC was absolutely integral in putting this business together," he said. "Through the mentoring and massaging of my vision, HCDC was able to provide business support, and introduced me to so many other people in the area."

Weber is eager to hit the ground running, and explore the county through the business. "It's been great to see how forthcoming other small businesses are to encourage and support one another," he said. "This open-minded approach is just so refreshing."

For more information on Weber and his services, contact 705-455-772 or email chris@greenscapeshaliburton.com. You can also find him on Instagram at @greenscapes_haliburton.



Chris Weber of Greenscapes Haliburton is eager to hit the ground running for the spring clean-up that will be required around the community. After a successful soft-launch of the business in the fall, Weber hopes to have a busy spring season ahead. /Photo submitted

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Players from the OSGA 55+ Senior Games District 11 competed in pickleball at provincials in Peterborough in 2022. /Submitted



From left, Frank Ferris, Sharon Ferris, Larry Baadsvik, Joan Heath, Michael Thorne, Jane Symons, Jennifer Coates and Maureen Jexesi competed in the 2022 provincial senior games held in Peterborough. /Submitted

Registration opens for Canada 55+ Games

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

The Ontario Senior Games Association is warming up for the 55+ Games this year, and registration is now open to anyone 55 and over hoping to join in the fun.

Haliburton/Muskoka's District 11 is excited to be back with both indoor and outdoor events this spring after two years of modified games due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jane Symons is a participant in walking and received bronze in the Canada 55+ 2022 Summer Games in Kamloops, BC. She was one of the six competitors from District 11 to move on to the national level last year.

She said registering for the games has brought many benefits to her life.

"I couldn't wait to be 55 to join," Symons said. "I feel that the games are a way of integrating seniors for mental, social, and physical activities."

Although some events are not physical,

like bridge and euchre, they are ways to get social.

"It's a good way of meeting new people and trying new things. It'll be nice to get some new people out this year. We're always looking for more," Symons said.

The activities currently offered in Haliburton County are bid euchre, bridge, cribbage, golf, pickleball, shuffleboard, tennis, and walking.

"The more interest we get, the more events we may be able to host in the future," Symons said.

This year, District 11 has two new mem-

bers on their executive board.

"This year's been exciting," said district coordinator Mary Johnson. "Our new members are doing such a great job."

Participants can be 54 as long as they turn 55 before the end of 2023.

To download District 11's registration form, visit district11.osga55plus.ca/. Copies are also available at the Minden and Haliburton Legions, Minden and Haliburton library branches, and the Minden Community Centre. All forms must be returned by mail, and the registration deadline is April 20. The fee to register is \$25.

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Answers on page 14

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



All Pride, no prejudice

Chris Rock, Pam Sayne, Mike McKeon, Rachel Gillooly, and Paul Roy celebrate the first in-person Pride Social at the Rockcliff on March 19. For future Pride social events, visit www.mindenpride.ca/ /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Minden Pride hosted their Spring Fling at the Rockcliff in Moore Falls on March 19 to kick off their social series. The organizers hope to offer regular opportunities for folks from the LGBTQIA+ community and allies to mix and mingle in various locations across the county, so that Pride is celebrated and honoured all year.



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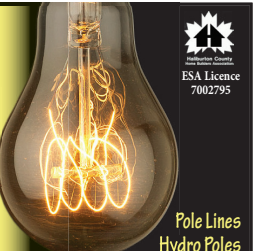
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Behind the scenes at the library

by CHRIS STEPHENSON
Special to the Times

Patrons and visitors to Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) ask us all kinds of questions, and sometimes we’re asked about how things work behind the scenes at a public library. Every library operates a little differently, and as a County library system many of the programs and services we offer are first developed at our administration office. In fact, this location serves as a central hub for shipping book bins, technology, and other resources across the County to our branches. But where do the books come from?

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One of the more popular sections of our website is called the New Arrivals, which you’ll find on the home page. Here you can scroll through a “book river” and find out what’s been newly added to the library’s collection. You can click on any book cover you see to get more information about this title, including a rating, where the book is located, or the current availability and whether there’s a waiting period until you can borrow it.

Behind the scenes, library staff at all our branches plan and create book displays to promote popular topics and showcase our resources. They’re also standing by to help advise you on your next great read. You can tell us what your favourite topic or author might be, and we can recommend similar



A photo featuring the HCPL “Red Carpet” with new books this week – and a book club set.

publications you might find interesting. If you like the idea of getting together to discuss what you’re reading with others, you might consider joining or starting a book club. We support book clubs across the County by offering nearly 80 book sets you can borrow. Each set contains eight copies of a book and discussion questions inside a convenient canvas bag, and in many cases, one of the books is a large print copy.

In addition to local book clubs, many new and longstanding programs are created for all ages in our branches. Everything from Storytime and tech learning programs to drop-in craft days and writing groups, and the new Beginners Ukulele Club. Last December, we hosted 45 programs at our branches and about 25 per cent of these were thanks to our partnerships with other local organizations and community members. Throughout the year we acknowledge and celebrate seasonal themes and feature author readings, and we’re committed to doing whatever we can to promote reading, literacy, and access to information.

People have been returning to their favourite library branch-

es for lots of reasons over the past year and our membership is on the rise. HCPL staff are thrilled to see community members attending programs and using the library as a meeting place – in January a total of 438 people showed up for programs at branches across the library system. This is an impressive number considering it’s one of the darker and colder months! Much planning is done throughout the year, and there are some rhythms in library life that we all look forward to. Summer Reading Club is already being discussed, and we’re getting excited about welcoming some of our youngest library users and supporting them in their reading journeys.

Stop by the library or check out our website at haliburton-library.ca to find out about the latest and greatest happening in your municipality this month. We’ll be pleased to see you!

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Passed peacefully in her sleep with family by her side on March 15, 2023 at the age of 98. Preceded in death by cherished husband and partner, Basil. Dear mother and counsellor to Tanya Yearwood (Paul), Colleen Hewitt (Robert Bonspiel deceased in 2022), Kim (Andrea) and Kirk (Nancy). Also preceded in death by husband and lifetime friend Keith Brannigan.

Born May 13, 1924 in Maple Lake, Mabel was a pioneer for independent women her entire life. She started her career as a young teenager working with her mother, Ruth Sawyer, at the telephone switchboard in Maple Lake. With the coming of WWII, she jumped at the opportunity to serve her country and joined the Woman's Division of the RCAF, training in Yorktown Saskatchewan. Her diligent work ethic soon resulted in a transfer to Command Headquarters in Ottawa where she worked until the end of the war in 1945.

Shortly after her return home, she fell in love with Basil. They were married in Maple Lake in June 1947 and started their farm on their homestead in Minden. Mabel also worked at the telephone switchboard in Minden and took in boarders at the house. She continued to progress on her educational courses and realized her career dream of teaching. She would go on to teach secondary school in Lively, Fenelon Falls, and Haliburton, preparing young people with necessary business skills. Mabel and Basil also shared a devotion to the Minden Fair. Mabel's chocolate cake, pies and garden-grown vegetables were annual red ribbon winners and Basil was a regular participant and judge in the livestock competitions. Their Sundays were centered around family and St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden.

With her endeared partner Basil's passing in 1978, Mabel ventured into real estate to supplement her income. She eventually purchased the Fireside restaurant that is now The Mabel Brannigan Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636, a very rare honour to a woman veteran. Mabel dedicated a great deal of her later life to Legion activities, becoming President of the local chapter and a reliable poppy provider for November 11 of each year. This led her to a dear friend in Keith Brannigan whom she married in December 1981. They lived in Haliburton and then Carnarvon and cared for her parents, Ruth and Elmer, at home. With Keith's passing in 2003, Mabel moved to the former Cupboard Store at Horseshoe Lake, later taking residence back in Minden, where she lived her final years. She continued her education into her eighties, taking university courses and traveling to England and Russia with her sister Audrey. She had ardent penmanship and literary skills that led to 17 editions of her war memories being published in The Highlander in 2020 (still in the archives). She was often used as a historical source for locals researching family trees. Mabel's legacy will always be defined by her much loved 10 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

The family is forever grateful to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHSS) caretakers that came to the house to care for Mabel. They include: HHSS Coordinators, personal support workers and palliative care nurses. Also, our heartfelt thank you to Dr Tilbrook, the St Elizabeth Hospital palliative care nurses, the wonderful support from the Veterans Administration and granddaughter Robin who became her devoted companion right up to the time of her passing.

A Celebration of Mabel's Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 636, 12847 Highway35, Minden on a date and time to be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to The Royal Canadian Legion, Minden No. 636 Branch Poppy Fund and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0

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Atom B Monarchs win championship

by Jerry Grozelle,
with notes from Anne Mills

The members of Minden's Atom B Monarchs hockey team have been singing a catchy tune lately. It's called 'We Are The Champions.'

A win or a tie in Beaverton on March 24 would have given Monarchs the Tri-County championship. They had earned seven points with three wins and a tie in the first four games of the championship series against the Beaverton Blades. One more point was all the Monarchs needed to bring home the championship hardware.

Beaverton made it clear early in game five that it wasn't about to give it up without a fight.

The Blades struck first — with just 16 seconds left in the first period. The competition was tight throughout the remainder of regulation time. In the last minute of the third period the Monarchs pulled their goalie in an attempt to salvage a tie. But the gamble backfired when a Beaverton sniper found the open net to salt away the win and force a game six, back in Minden the next day.

Game six showdown

The Minden fans were treated to some exciting hockey at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on

(more on page 12)

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The problem at the moment is that a funding application, which was submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care over a year ago, has not been approved and now that the space is ready to be occupied, the steering committee overseeing the area is scrambling to fill the space.

Members of the HHHS board were taken on a tour

of the area during the group's meeting March 22 at the Minden facility. They were shown offices designed to accommodate community services agencies, visiting health specialists and social agencies. The south end of the building has been designed as a medical clinic with space for up to four physicians. Other areas in the renovated structure include an exercise/physiotherapy room, an area that could be used for post stroke and heart attack rehabilitation and a tub/shower room.

While the board has yet to receive funding for the centre, it has started to open some of the spaces to agencies and services that the original application envisioned occupying the complex. Dr. Jaan Roos will be starting practice in the medical clinic later this month. A formal announcement is expected when he transfers to that location.

A chiroprapist has agreed to provide services at the PCC on a one day a week basis and the HHHS Diabetes Education Network has established an office in the centre and is hosting workshops in the classroom. Other community groups are making use of the meeting room at the centre as well.

The Victorian Order of Nurses is also considering the renovated auditorium as a space for its weekly Adult Day Program. The facility suits the needs of the program since it is secure and includes a large activity area, and a kitchen where clients could participate in cooking activities. The potential for related health services "just down the hall" is an attraction to the group as well.

The committee overseeing the operation of the area is continuing to search for other agencies and

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